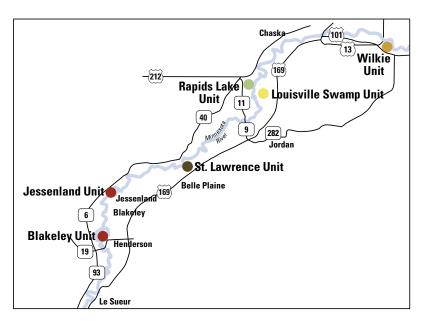
### Minnesota Valley

### National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations & Map





Minnesota state regulations and refuge specific regulations will be enforced. Refuge specific regulations supercede state regulations. Hunting is allowed only on refuge units described in this brochure. Each unit offers specific hunting opportunities during Minnesota state seasons. You may only hunt species listed in this brochure.

Furbearers, including coyotes, and crows may not be hunted on the refuge at any time.

Camping and fires on the refuge are prohibited.

For authorized hunting, refuge is open two hours before legal shooting time to one hour after legal shooting time.

Some areas have been posted as *No Hunting Zone* to protect buildings, private property or critical habitat areas. Hunt areas may not be accessed through No Hunting Zones.

Possession of toxic shot is prohibited unless hunting deer or hunting upland game with single projectile ammunition.

Upland game hunting with single projectile ammunition is prohibited on all refuge units except on the Jessenland and Blakeley Units. On the Jessenland and Blakeley Units, .17 and .22 caliber rimfire ammunition is allowed for hunting upland game only. Where firearms deer hunting is allowed you may use shotguns and muzzle loading rifles with single projectile ammunition. The use of air guns is prohibited on all refuge units.

Waterfowl hunters are allowed to use non-motorized boats during waterfowl hunting season. Gas or electric boat motors are prohibited.





Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge 3815 American Boulevard E. Bloomington, MN 55425-1600 952/854-5900

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center 15865 Carver Highlands Drive Carver, MN 55315 952/361 4500

People with hearing impairments may reach Minnesota Valley NWR through the Federal Information Relay System at 1 800/877 8339

Minnesota Valley's website address: http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1 800/344 WILD http://www.fws.gov

Contacts:
Emergencies......91

To report violations:

Refuge Law Enforcement Officer...952-854-5900 TIP Line......1-800-652-9093

Carver Rapids Unit - DNR.....952-492-6400

West Metro State Conservation
Office Dispatch......651-582-1511

All items, including boats and stands, must be removed at the end of the day. It is unlawful to hunt from a permanent stand.

No motorized vehicles are allowed within the hunting units except at designated parking areas.

It is unlawful to drive a metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which a metal object has been driven. Screw-in steps are prohibited.

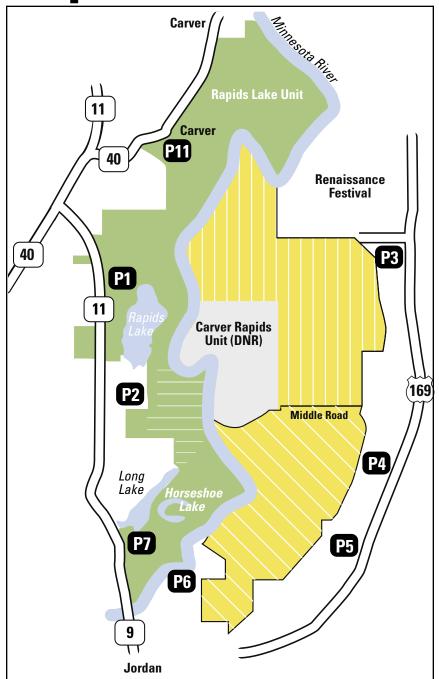
The distribution of bait and hunting over bait, including salt licks, mineral blocks or any chemical substance applied to the ground or vegetation is prohibited on National Wildlife Refuge units.

The possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

Target shooting is prohibited.

Hunting on, across or within 100 feet of any road, parking lot or marked trail is prohibited.

# **Rapids Lake Unit**



# Archery & Firearms: Deer, Upland Game, Migratory Birds No Hunting

#### Rapids Lake Hunting Activities & Regulations

Rapids Lake Unit

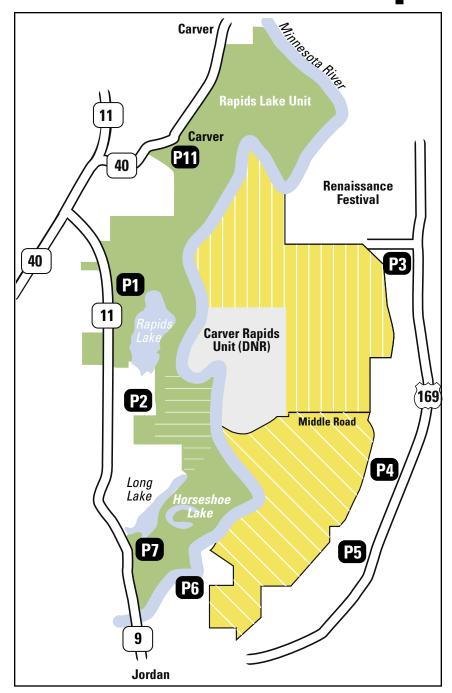
- Big Game White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds Goose, duck, merganser, moorhen, coot, rails,woodcock, common snipe, and mourning dove
- Upland Game
  Ruffed grouse, gray partridge,
  ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox
  squirrel, snowshoe hare, cotton
  tail rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state
  season).

#### **Please Note:**

There are several **No Hunting Zones** in the Rapids Lake Unit near housing developments, trails, and buildings. Areas are posted on site.

- P1 14905 Jonathan Carver Parkway
  From Hwy 212, exit onto Jonathan Carver
  Parkway (Co. Rd. 11) and proceed south 2.5
  miles, continuing left on Co. Rd. 11.
  Proceed 3/4-mile south, lot is on the left side.
- P2 15847 Carver Highlands Drive
  From P1, continue south 1
  mile on Co. Rd 11, turn left on Carver Highlands
  Drive. Proceed 1 mile east of this
  intersection to the lot on the left.
- P7 17000 Jonathan Carver Parkway
  From the Co. Rd. 11/Carver Highlands Drive
  intersection, proceed south on Co. Rd. 11.
  Parking area is 1.7 miles on the left.
- P11 102 Carver Bluffs Parkway
  From Hwy 212, exit onto Jonathan Carver
  Parkway (Co. Rd 11). Proceed south about 2
  miles, making a left turn on County Road 40.
  Proceed north to Carver Bluffs Parkway
  and turn right. Proceed to first stop sign and
  turn left into the park.

# **Louisville Swamp Unit**



# Louisville Swamp Archery Only: Deer & Upland Game

Archery & Firearms Deer, Upland Game, Migratory Birds

For Hunting Regulations on the DNR Carver Rapids Unit please call 952-492-6400.

### Louisville Swamp Hunting Activities & Regulations

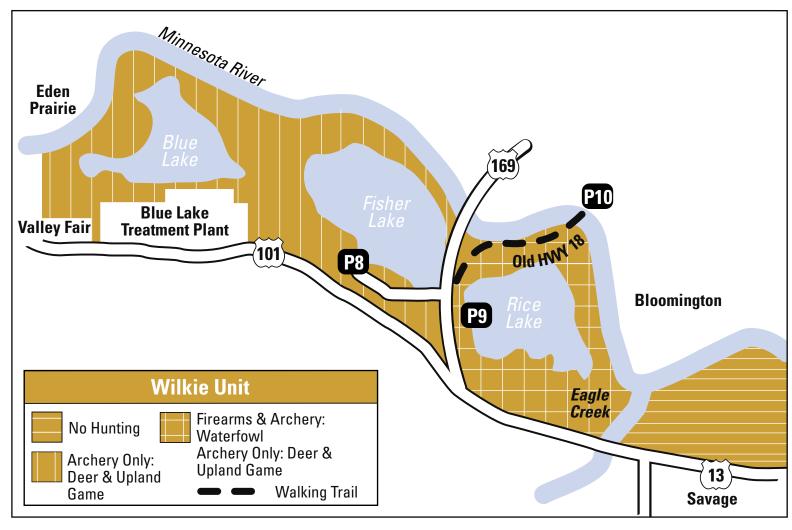
#### North of Middle Road

- Big Game: Archery Only White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds: CLOSED
- Upland Game: Archery only Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).

#### South of Middle Road

- Big Game: Archery and Firearms White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds
   Goose, duck, merganser,
   moorhen, coot, rails,woodcock,
   common snipe, and mourning dove
- Upland Game: Archery and Firearms Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).
- **3801 145th St. W., Shakopee**Exit HWY 169 at 145th St. W. approximately
  4.75 miles south of Shakopee. Parking is 1/2 mile west. Drive past the main entrance to the Renaissance Festival, over the next set of railroad tracks, and bear left.
- P4
  16210 Jordan Ave., Jordan
  Exit HWY 169 6-1/2 miles south of Shakopee on
  Bluff Drive. Drive west 1/4-mile in to Jordan Ave.,
  and turn right. Park on the right edge of the road,
  at least 100 yards from the house. Please stay
  on road to refuge entrance and respect private
  property.
- P5 17000 Valley View Drive, Jordan
  Exit HWY 169 7.5 miles south of Shakopee. Travel
  west on 173rd St. 1/4 mile on 173rd St. W. to a "T"
  intersection at Valley View Drive. Turn right. Drive
  over the railroad tracks carefully. Parking is 1/8
  mile beyond the tracks.
  - 17401 Duck Lane, Jordan
    Exit HWY 169 as described for P5 above. Turn left at the "T" intersection. Drive 1.5 miles south on Valley View Drive, past the Scott County Jail Annex, over the railroad tracks, and then turn right on Circle Drive. Drive 1 block uphill to Highview Drive.Turn left and drive 1 block to Mendoza Ave. Turn right on Mendoza and drive 1 block to Duck Lane. Turn right on Duck Lane. Hunter Parking Area is at the gate 1 mile N. 4-wheel drive is recommended until freeze-up.

### Wilkie Unit



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#### Wilkie Hunting Activities & Regulations

Refuge land east of Valleyfair and west of Eagle Creek.

Rice Lake Area (from Eagle Creek west to the Highway 169 bridge)

- Big Game: Archery Only White-tailed deer
- Waterfowl Only: (Closed to Spring Goose Hunting) Goose, duck, merganser, moorhen, coot, rails.
- Upland Game: Archery Only Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).

### West of Highway 169 bridge (including Fisher and Blue Lakes)

- Big Game: Archery Only White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds: CLOSED

■ Upland Game: Archery Only Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).

#### **East of Eagle Creek**

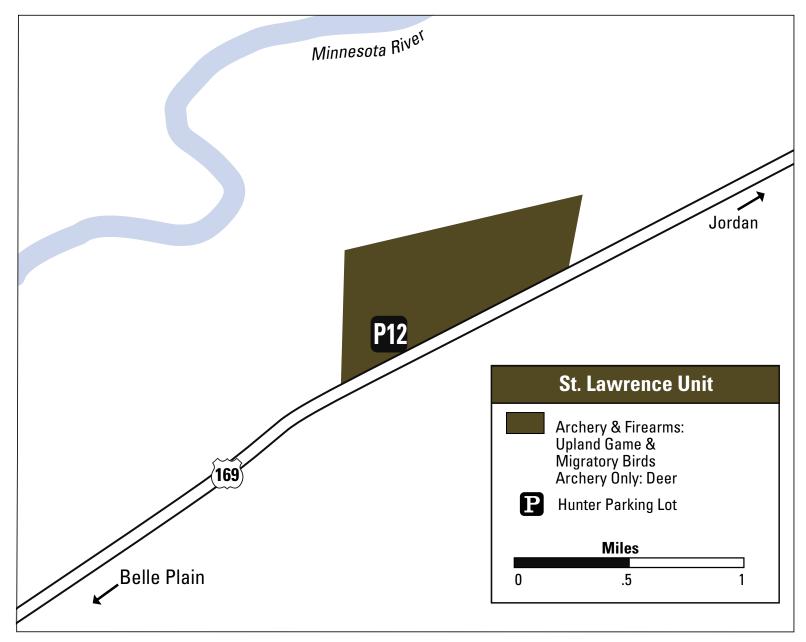
■ CLOSED to all hunting

7701 County Road 101 East, Shakopee
From the HWY 169/101 interchange, proceed west on HWY 101 1/4-mile to the first stoplight right into the parking lot.

7701 County Road 101 East, Shakopee Waterfowl hunter access. Drive through the gate at P8 0.8 miles to the second gate. The boat launch to Rice Lake is 50 yards east of the road. Parking for your vehicle and trailer is under the HWY 169 bridge to the west.

11255 Bloomington Ferry Road, Bloomington From HWY 169 exit onto Old Shakopee Road and travel east about 0.7 miles. Turn right (south) onto Bloomington Ferry Road near the Dred Scott Playfields, continue for 1/2-mile. Turn right onto Bloomington Ferry Circle, drive down the hill to the parking area. Walk across the pedestrian bridge to access the Wilkie Unit.

### St. Lawrence Unit

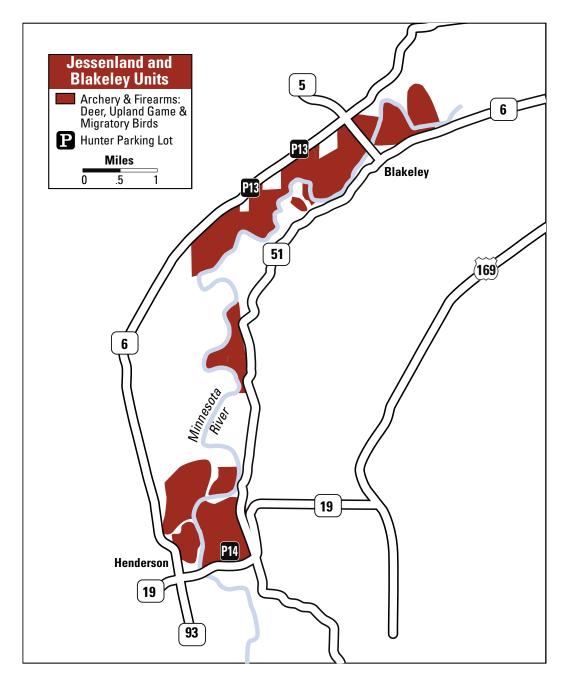


### St. Lawrence Hunting Activities & Regulations

- Big Game: Archery Only White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds
  Goose, duck, merganser,
  moorhen, coot, rails,woodcock,
  common snipe, and mourning dove
- Upland Game
  Ruffed grouse, gray partridge,
  ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox
  squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail
  rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey
  (spring and fall turkey state season).

Lot is approximately half way between Jordan and Belle Plaine on north side of HWY 169.

# **Jessenland & Blakeley Units**



#### Jessenland AND Blakely Hunting Activities & Regulations

Big Game
White-tailed deer
Migratory Birds
Goose, duck, merganser,
moorhen, coot, rails,woodcock,
common snipe, and mourning dove
Upland Game
Ruffed grouse, gray partridge,
ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox
squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail
rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey
(spring and fall turkey state season).

P13 Jessenland Unit

Two parking lots on south side of CR 6 one and two miles SW of the intersection of CR 5

P14 Blakely Unit

Approximately one mile east of Henderson on Hwy 19. Lot is on north side of road.